

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 5546  
Progress for America Voter Fund, Brian )  
McCabe, as President, Mary Anne )  
Carter, in her official capacity as )  
Treasurer, and Ralph R. Brown, as )  
Secretary; Progress for America, Inc.; )  
The Leadership Forum, Susan B. )  
Hirschmann, as President, L. William )  
Paxon, as Vice President, and Barbara )  
Bonfiglio, in her official capacity as )  
Treasurer; Bush-Cheney '04, Inc. and )  
David Herndon, in his official capacity )  
as Treasurer; President George W. )  
Bush; Vice President Richard B. )  
Cheney; Republican National )  
Committee and Mike Retzer, in his )  
official capacity as Treasurer )

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on June 21, 2005, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 4-1 to take the following actions in MUR 5546:

1. Find no reason to believe The Leadership Forum, Susan B. Hirschmann, as President, L. William Paxon, as Vice President, and Barbara Bonfiglio, as Treasurer violated any provision of the Act by making prohibited or excessive in-kind contributions in the form of coordinated expenditures to Bush-Cheney '04 or the Republican National Committee.
2. Find reason to believe Progress for America Voter Fund violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).
3. Take no action at this time as to Progress for America, Inc. or PFA-VF President Brian McCabe, PFA-VF Treasurer Mary Anne Carter, and PFA-VF Secretary Ralph R. Brown.

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4. Take no action at this time as to Bush-Cheney '04, Inc. and David Herndon, in his official capacity as Treasurer; President George W. Bush; Vice President Richard B. Cheney; The Republican National Committee and Mike Retzer, in his official capacity as Treasurer.
5. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated June 6, 2005; subject to deletion of the following language:
- a) Attachment 2, Page 4: the phrase which begins with the word "which" on Line 6, through the word "states" at the end of Line 7.
  - b) Attachment 2, Page 6: the sentence which begins with the word "All" on Line 4, through the word "leadership" at the end of Line 5.
  - c) Attachment 2, Page 6: the phrase "just two candidates" from the end of Line 6, through the beginning of Line 7.
  - d) Attachment 2, Page 6: the sentence which begins with the word "There" on Line 7, through the word "office" at the end of Line 8.
- 6.
7. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Mason, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Smith dissented. Commissioner McDonald did not vote.

Attest:

June 22, 2005  
Date

*Darlene Harris*

Darlene Harris  
Deputy Secretary of the Commission

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